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Jobless rates up in 120 counties from April 2008 to April 2009

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EDITOR'S NOTE: April's preliminary and March's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at http://workforce.ky.gov/April09Charts.pdf. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in all 120 Kentucky counties between April 2008 and April 2009, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the commonwealth at 6.9 percent each. They were followed by Calloway County, 7.3 percent; Oldham County, 7.5 percent; Hickman County, 7.6 percent; McCracken County, 7.7 percent; Boyd County, 7.8 percent; Pike County, 8 percent; Carlisle County, 8.1 percent; and Franklin County, 8.2 percent.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 16.7 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 15.9 percent; Trigg and Menifee counties, 15.8 percent each; Bath County, 15.2 percent; Allen and Powell counties, 14.5 percent each; Butler County, 14.2 percent; McCreary County, 14.1 percent; and Lewis County, 13.9 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do

not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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